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Free the Press, Panama Urged

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15 (AP)—The Inter-American Press Association today asked the new military junta in Panama to restore full press freedom.

In a telegram to Col. Jose M. Pinilla, Panama's provisional president, IAPA expressed "shock and concern" at the closing of five newspapers, one television station and virtually all radio stations earlier this week.

The telegram was signed by Tom C. Harris of El Mundo of San Juan, Puerto Rico and the St. Petersburg, Fla., Times. Harris is chairman of the IAPA committee on freedom of the press.